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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON: (A) REDUCTION OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE; (B) ENHANCEMENT LEVEL FOR FISCDML YEAR 80; (C) TITLETVII OF PL-480; (D) FOREIGN MILITARY SALES; AND (E) IMET PROGRAM. REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 6 DEADLINE, BUT REFTEL WAS NOT RECEIVED UNTIL COB SEPTEMBER 5.

1. REDUCTION OF FISCAL YEAR 79 DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LEVEL TO DOLLARS 7.8 MILLION WILL BE MINIMALLY ADEQUATE AND WOULD FUND ONGOING PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD HAVE TO DROP APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 400,000 OF VOL AG ACTIVITIES NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN PROGRAM ESTIMATES AND WOULD HAVE TO FORGET ANY NEW STARTS THAT MIGHT WIDEN THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPACT OF OUR PRESENT LACKLUSTER PROGRAMS IN CHAD. FISCAL YEAR 80 LEVEL OF DDOLLARS 9.8 MILLION WOULD ENTAIL
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SEVERE CUTBACKS, EVEN IN ONGOING PROJECTS, AND WOULD OMIT COMPLETELY PROJECTED NEW PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURE AS PART OF BOL POLDERS AND SUDANO/ SAHELIAN FOOD CROP PROGRAMS. IN THIS CONNECTION, NOTE THAT STATEMENT IN PARA 2B OF CUTBACKS TO QUOTE MARK UNQUOTE LEVEL IS INCORRECT AS APPLIED TO CHAD. DOLLARS 9.8 MILLION REPRESENTS A CUTBACK OF DOLLARS

6 MILLION FROM QUOTE MARK UNQUOTE LEVEL AND IS
EVEN DOLLARS 3 MILLION BELOW QUOTE MINIMUM
UNQUOTE LEVEL.

2. ASSUME ENHANCEMENT LEVEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 80
COVERS ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTHERN CHAD. THIS
IS ITEM OF HIGHEST PRIORITY TO ANY MEANINGFUL
DEVELOPMENT HERE AND SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.
NOTE: WOULD HOPE PROGRAM ENVISIONED IS NOT CON-
STRUCTION O LCBC ROAD FOR WHICH WE ARE DOING
ENGINEERING STUDY. THE PRIORITY OF THIS PARTICULAR
ROAD IS NOT COMPARABLE TO SOME OTHERS IN CHAD.

3. PL-480 TITLE II LEVELS GIVE US NO PROBLEM.

4. DISALLOWANCE OF CHADIAN FOREIGN MILITARY
SALES PROGRAM MERELY CONTINUES PRESENT SITUATION
AND, ALTHOUGH IT WILL NOT BE POPULAR WITH THE
GOVERNMENT, BELIEVE WE CAN LIVE WITH IT.

5. MILITARY AND EDUCATION TRAINING LEVEL OF
DOLLARS 400,000 WOULD ALLOW US TO CONTINUE THIS VERY
MODEST PROGRAM AND IS ADEQUATE FOR THE TIME BEING BRADFORD

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